

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-2 without prejudice. Please add new claims 3-4.

Claims 1-2 (Cancelled).

3. (New) An apparatus for supporting revision of a checklist for checking soundness of a company in accordance with revision of the laws and ordinances, the apparatus comprising:

a first database of a checklist containing check items associated with provisions of laws and ordinances,

a second database of laws/ordinances data including texts of provisions; and

a computer for supporting revision of the check list responsive to entry of revision of laws and ordinances, said computer being programmed to,

produce revision information indicating deletion, addition or updating of respective provisions of the revised laws and ordinances,

delete from the checklist a name of a provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and delete a relevant check item when said revision information indicates deletion;

add to the checklist a name of a provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and add to the checklist a check item associated with the revised provision when said revision information indicates addition; and

replace a relevant check item in the checklist associated with the revised provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information with the text of the revised provision when said revision information indicates updating.

4. (New) A computer implemented method of supporting revision of a checklist for checking soundness of a company in accordance with revision of the laws and ordinances, the method comprising:

responsive to entry of revision of laws and ordinances, producing revision information indicating deletion, addition or updating of respective provisions of the revised laws and ordinances;

deleting from the checklist a name of a provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and delete a relevant check item when said revision information indicates deletion, said checklist being stored in a database including check items associated with provisions of laws and ordinances;

adding to the checklist a name of a provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and add to the checklist a check item associated with the revised provision when said revision information indicates addition; and

replacing a relevant check item in the checklist associated with the revised provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information with the text of the revised provision when said revision information indicates updating.